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Faculty Sees Changes

By MARK SMITH

The 1979-80 school year brings several important faculty changes to MBA, with new faces in four different departments.

The new head of the art department is Jim Womack, who comes to MBA after teaching art at a private school in North Carolina. He received his B.A. in art history from Davidson College and his Master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

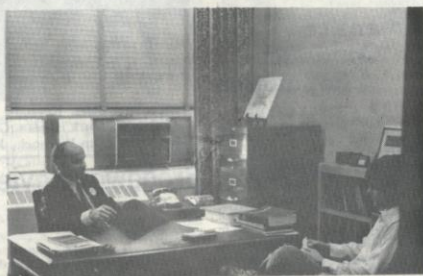
Mr. Womack hopes to see art become a more integral part of the curriculum; he hopes to spark an interest in art, especially among the seventh and eighth-graders. He invites all those with a willingness to try to participate in art, regardless of their artistic ability.

Dan Beck is the new chemistry teacher, teaching both regular and AP courses. He received his B.A. degree from Grove City College in Pennsylvania and his Master's in the theology degree from Vanderbilt. He plans to participate in the chorus and outdoors programs.

Dr. Emilie Murray comes to MBA to teach both regular and honors sophomore English. She finished her doctorate last year at Vanderbilt, and she has taught in various Miami high schools and at Marian College in Indianapolis. Dr. Murray says she is impressed so far with the discipline of MBA students, and she is equally impressed with the campus.

Mrs. Alice Springer is teaching Spanish part-time this year, as she completes her dissertation at Vanderbilt. She is in charge of the third and fourth year Spanish courses. She received her M.A. and M.A.T. from Vanderbilt, and she has taught at various Nashville private schools.

In other faculty news, Dr. Gaffney is the new head of the Junior School. This past summer, Dr. Niemeyer received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt, and Mr. Gideon received his M.A. in physical education from M.T.S.U.



Semi-finalists Recognized

By RUSS MARIANELLI

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation named its Semifinalists in the scholarship competition this September; and, once again, a large number of those in the midstate area were from MBA. Out of the twenty-seven winners in the midstate, twelve were from MBA.

MBA's semifinalists comprise approximately fifteen percent of last year's junior class, all of whom took the qualifying test. The winners are Stephen Bruhl, Scott Campbell, Warren Coleman, William Galloway, Everett R. Henderson, Freddie Horton, Joseph Knight, Russell Marianelli, Joshua May, Andy Nelson, and Michael Salyer. Two of these students, Galen and Freddie, were unable to join us this year.

The PSAT/NMSQT is a test given to over one million high school juniors. Out of these fifteen thousand, or the top one half of one percent, are named semifinalists in the competition. A state-representational method is used to designate Semifinalists. The number is in proportion to each state's percentage of the total U.S. secondary school graduating class. The minimum selection index score varies slightly from state to state.

Recently, the Corporation also announced the Commendees who are among the top thirty-five

thousand who took the test but scored slightly below the selection index score. MBA had eleven Commendees: Timothy Ayers, Stephan Gibbs, James B. Grimes, Christopher Hill, Mark Kaplan, Morris Lewis, David Pack, Jeff Robinson, Mark Smith, Gregory Stroup, and Timothy Warnock. These students represent about fourteen percent of last year's junior class.

In all, the National Merit Semifinalists and Commendees from MBA represent over twenty-nine percent of those students who took the test at MBA last year. This figure indicates the continuing tradition of academic excellence on the hill.

Student Council Goals

By JOHN HARGROVE

Senior President Phillip Altenbern and Junior Hartley Hall plan to have a very active year in encouraging the students to become involved with school and nearby community.

Among their intentions are the establishment of a new student lounge (whose location is, as yet, unknown) and the restoration of the privilege of eating snacks during the ten-minute break. Although the latter was revoked because of the students' failure to clean up their trash, the Student Council plans to talk with school officials and to encourage the students to respect the privilege if it is reinstated.

In service to the community, Phillip has organized this fall a drive to collect canned goods for the needy. The Student Council also will probably do the same this Christmas for St. Luke's Community Center.

In addition the Council plans several social functions and entertainment activities. Two possible events are another disco in the gym and a Christmas dance funded by the Senior class. Also, the famous MBA-Harpeth Hall tug-of-war will be held this spring as usual.

The Juniors under the leadership of Hartley Hall look forward to a

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Bondurant to Complement MBA Tradition

By GEORGE CATE

In an interview granted to *The Bell Ringer* before the opening of school, Mr. Bondurant revealed that he intends to uphold the traditional MBA system. He said, "I would like to complement rather than alter the MBA tradition."

He believes very fervently in the success of the former administration under Mr. Carter. "Mr. Carter was a superb educator . . . I cannot improve upon Mr. Carter," he said. Rather he hopes to be able "to bring some different areas of interest into the school and complement rather than improve upon his philosophy."

In the past few months, there has been considerable curiosity about possible changes under Mr. Bondurant's leadership. However, he stated, "I am not going to make substantive changes in (1) philosophy and (2) curriculum initially in any way, shape, or form."

Mr. Bondurant's objective at this time is to expand current programs. He said, "What I would like to see MBA do is maintain the rigorous academic exposure and then really give the students the broadening experience of the arts in music, graphic arts, and drama." He envisions more participation in school activities by the lower grades. "I hope we can begin earlier in the junior school (in the arts)."

Before making any comprehensive changes, he sees the need for more examination of the problem areas. "Before you change anything, you need to see what's going on and what's succeeding," Mr. Bondurant said.

He is well-aware of some of the complaints and proposed changes in the MBA system. Mr. Bondurant favors an organized approach to any adjustments in the MBA system. "We need to prioritize these needs and discuss them with the students, faculty, alumni, and trustees," he said.

Should significant changes become necessary, Mr. Bondurant is optimistic about the school's ability to execute such changes. He stated, "We have very supportive alumni and trustees."

He is especially interested in bringing together the different members of the school in a more cohesive system. His efforts will include a closer faculty-student relationship and an improved

advisor system. He said, "The faculty will be interested in what you're doing."

He continued, "We need to bring the faculty and students closer together. If the faculty and student body work closely together, everybody will be proud of each other."

When *The Bell Ringer* asked about his opinion of probably the most controversial aspect of MBA, the demerit system, Mr. Bondurant commented that he wants to deemphasize that program. "I want to reduce demerits so that the system is for the purpose of only a few," he said. He hopes that with a closer faculty-student relationship, the frequency of demerits will cease to be a problem.

The Bell Ringer also inquired about the future size of Montgomery Bell under Mr. Bondurant's new leadership. He responded, "I don't envision us changing a great deal . . . I would hate to see us get any larger . . . I like the smallness, the intimacy." He feels that other priorities must be dealt with before any consideration of expansion of the student body can occur.

The composition of the student body has been a topic of discussion and controversy since the move for coeducation arose several years ago. Mr. Bondurant says that coeducation is not at the top of his priority list for consideration. He also noted that he needs to study MBA more before he can judge whether the presence of girls is needed at MBA. He does intend to insure that coordination with other schools is continued. Mr. Bondurant said, "I would like to see the continuation of girls' participation at MBA."

Another issue involving the composition of the student body is the racial content. Mr. Bondurant commented, "We feel an obligation to make sure that MBA is open to all races . . . I personally intend to see that that is done." He hopes to guarantee that the learning environment at MBA is enhanced. "MBA needs a student body which meets admission standards and reflects the heterogeneity of society."

For this year, Mr. Bondurant intends mainly to orient himself into the life of MBA. He said, "I need to become more aware of what MBA is doing because MBA does a lot of things very well . . ."



Semi-finalists: Josh May, Russell Marianelli, Joe Knight, Andy Nelson, William Galloway, Scott Campbell, Steve Bruhl, Michael Salyer, Randy Henderson. Not pictured: Warren Coleman.

Drake Enjoying New Position

By WARREN COLEMAN and JIM JOHNSON

After the appointment of Mr. Gordon Bondurant as headmaster this spring, the Board of Trust promoted Mr. Michael Drake to the new position of assistant headmaster.

Last fall, a serious illness prevented Mr. Carter from resuming his post as headmaster, and Mr. Drake took the responsibility for operating the school. Because of Mr. Carter's death, the Board of Trust decided to appoint Mr. Bondurant headmaster and to create the position of assistant headmaster for Mr. Drake.

In a recent interview with *The Bell Ringer*, Mr. Drake discussed his new duties as assistant headmaster. He stated that the position is a challenge because it is a new experience for both him and the school. The actual duties are being defined as the school year progresses.

Bell Ringer: "How do you like your new position?"

Mr. Drake: "I love it because especially, I like the headmaster. If you like the guy you're working for, then it really goes a long way toward making your job easier."



Mr. Drake, new assistant headmaster, joins students in pep rally.

Bell Ringer: "What do you think of this year's student body?"

Mr. Drake: "I think that... this is one of the best groups I've had to work with over here. (However,) I think that we still have a long way to go in certain aspects... We have less respect for personal property than perhaps I would like (such as, the destruction in the trophy room), but by and large, people care more about their school than they have in a number of years. (This is) a big step in the right direction."

Bell Ringer: "What is your advice to this year's seniors?"

Mr. Drake: "My advice to this year's seniors is to any class—to shoot high. Don't set your expectations too low. There's nothing worse than selling yourself short in college applications (or) in your goals you set for yourself. Always shoot for the best."

Mr. Drake also explained his reasons for teaching at MBA. First, he is a product of the same kind of traditional educational experience found at this school. Second, he likes the people. And finally, he believes that he teaches more effectively in a private school than he would in a public school.

Mr. Drake was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but he lived most

of his life in Atlanta, Georgia. After graduating from the Westminster School, he entered the University of Virginia. There, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He came to MBA in 1969 because of his father's friendship with Mr. and Mrs. Carter. Mr. Drake later received his Master's degree from George Peabody College for Teachers.

Forensics Continues Reputation

By GEORGE CATE

In the first three forensics tournaments of the year, the Forensics Club, has performed extremely well. At the Austin Peay tournament, the team of Greg Stroup and Walt Silva captured first place, compiling a superior record of 4-0. George Cate received second in extemporaneous speaking at the second tourney of the year held at Mapleswood High School.

On October 12 and 13, one of the most competitive tournaments of the year was hosted Mars Hill High School in Florence, Alabama. Contestants from almost all areas of the South participated in the competition. After five rounds of varsity debate, the team of Joe Calvin and George Cate had compiled a fairly good record of 3-2. Because of their excellent speaking points, Calvin and Cate proceeded into the elimination rounds. After defeating two teams from Alabama and Georgia in the quarter-finals and semi-finals, they prepared to face a strong team from Parkview High School. On a judges' 4-3 decision, Calvin and Cate received top honors in the varsity event. Cate was also awarded top speaker in the tournament.

MBA achieved similar success in the other events. In the 4-man open debate event, the teams of Scott Campbell and Scott Greer and Wyatt Wells and Craig Franklin were awarded third place. In his first try at competitive speaking, Hale

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Merit commendees. Kneeling: Morris Lewis, Chris Hill. Standing: Chip Grimes, Mark Kaplan, Greg Stroup, Steve Gibbs, Tim Ayers, Mark Smith, Tim Warnock, Jeff Robinson.

Broadway Review Proves Success

By ROB DAUGHERTY

Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland would have been proud of the Broadway Revue that lit up the stage of our own Wallace Hall on July 28 when the MBA Summer Players were in full regalia.

Titled "How About . . . ?," the revue ran the gamut of eleven Broadway musicals as the five-person cast searched for a good summer show. Favorite songs filled the evening which included hits from "Annie," "A Chorus Line," "Mame,"

and "Pippin." Alumnus Rick Seay directed and performed with the talented crew that consisted of Carolyn Binkley (a Brentwood Academy alumna), Carol Garrett and Megan Herbert (Harpeth Hall alumnae), and M.B.A. senior Rob Daugherty. No admission was charged; nevertheless, thanks to a generous seventy-member audience, sixty dollars in donations was received to cover the production costs. A special "thank you" goes to Mrs. Marion Ross, without whose help as accompanist the production would never have been possible.



Carol Garrett, Carolyn Binkley, Rick Seay, Megan Herbert, and Rob Daugherty rehearse.

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Cheerleaders Fire Up Student Body

By LARRY KLEIN and JODY LENTZ

This year, MBA has virtually a new cheerleading squad. Under the leadership of Rusty McDonald and Cathy Calton, the squad has kindled a fiery spirit in the MBA student body that has been missing in the past few years.

This year's girl cheerleaders consist of Captain Cathy Calton, Betsy Wallace, and Lee Elam (all returning from last year), Jeannie Bass, Peaches Salyer, Karen Goss, and Vicki Irwin. The boys are Captain Rusty McDonald, Joe Hymel, Jody Lentz, Jeff Robinson, Dave Peterseim, Blake Strayhorn, and Chris Hannon.

Last spring, this year's cheerleaders made a commitment to themselves and to the school to revive the "dying" spirit of MBA. They started off in the heat of the summer by going to cheerleading camp at Western Kentucky University to learn new ideas for cheers and for pep rallies. They

continued to work hard throughout August with two-a-day practices.

In September, the cheerleaders and an excellent crowd of Whites Creek. The spirit of the Big Red seemed to be growing daily. At the Hillsboro pep rally, MBA's school spirit literally came to life in the form of "Cubby" Coombs, who rose from a coffin and enlivened the student body. Jeff Robinson had the pleasure of killing the Hillsboro burro, a gesture symbolic of what the football team did to Hillsboro that night.

A week later the cheerleaders, with the help of Big Red (a beautiful Irish Setter belonging to Alex Mitchell), fired up the crowd for the McCallie game. True to their name, the McCallie Blue Tornadoes brought the rain with them, but the loyal, rain-soaked fans cheered MBA on to a 10-7 victory. After this game, it became obvious that the students of MBA were proud of and fired up about their school.

After going undefeated in three games, the MBA cheerleaders were ready for Ryan Week, the week when everyone gets so fired up that a test on Friday becomes a joke. After weeks of planning, cheerleader captain Rusty McDonald unleashed plans for the week: "Big Red button" day, Big Red day, the sale of Kazoos, the "Beat Ryan" stickers, a bonfire on Thursday night (which had to be called off because of rain), and the most awesome pep rally of the year, all leading to the most exciting football game seen at MBA in years. After a week of preparation for the crucial game, the fans were ready. Even though the Ryan fans appeared to have overwhelming spirit in the first half, the MBA crowd rallied in the third quarter to overcome the Ryan shouts with the vociferous efforts of everyone and his kazoo. And as everyone knows, the Big Red held on to win for the first time in six years against Ryan with the score of fourteen to seven.

The cheerleaders have spent many hours of their time to create a new spirit at MBA. Many times, despite threats of being thrown out by the custodian, the dedicated cheerleaders have continued to originate and paint new signs and slogans. Special thanks should go to Rusty McDonald, Blake Strayhorn, and Cathy Calton, who regularly have stayed until 6:00 P.M. and sometimes later, working in preparation for the pep rallies and games. Thanks should also be given to Mr. Bondurant, Dr. Crowell, and Mr. Fisher for their support, advice, and help. Cheerleading is not all just fun and games; it requires much dedication, loyalty, and willingness to donate time and voice. The cheerleaders personally hope that the new spirit at MBA will continue to lead the students on to the point where all are proud to say, "I go to Montgomery Bell Academy."



Fan Larry Klein; cheerleaders Rusty McDonald, Blake Strayhorn, Jeannie Bass, Jody Lentz, Peaches Salyer, Jeff Robinson, Vicki Irwin, Karen Goss, Chris Hannon, Cathy Calton.

Ditch Swallows MBA

By MATT CASSELL

Last winter when the school first had trouble with the steam pipe running beside the Old Science Building, the school decided to patch the pipe temporarily. They soon realized, after three such attempts, that the old pipe had to be replaced with a new one.

The job was supposed to be so easy, taking approximately two weeks in all. But when the digging began earlier this year, the workers did not realize what awaited them in the dark, damp recesses of the ditch.

The plans, which included laying a new pipe from the Old Science Building to the boiler room, called for a large trench to be dug. When the digging began, it became apparent that there were forces of evil attempting to thwart the plans. Telephone cables, gas lines, and water lines had been carefully laid so as to obstruct the digging. Moreover, during the digging, the wires for the bells to the buildings were cut.

The next obstacle was the weather. Somebody ordered rain and in large amounts. The workmen, fearing drowning, decided that they would continue work at a later date.

The final delaying problem arose

when it was learned that the pipe would not fit to the hut beside Wallace Hall. Instead, it was decided that an extra length of pipe would be laid to reach the boiler room behind Wallace Hall. The newly-ordered pipe did not arrive immediately, thanks to this country's fantastic delivery service.

Finally, the workmen have replaced all lines, and extra pipe has arrived. If the rain stops, maybe the job will be completed by the start of summer school.

To those students who miss the use of the back door of Wallace Hall, do not despair. One of these days, the buildings will be completely protected from the winter cold, and once again bells will ring again on the hill.

EDITOR'S REQUEST

The editors-in-chief of *The Bell Ringer* realize that it is the duty of this newspaper to serve the student body with information that interests them.

In this edition, we have attempted to provide the students of MBA with various insights into school events and organizations.

If anyone has any suggestions for future issues, Bill and I request that the suggestions be given directly to us or Dr. Niemeyer.

George Gate



"New Spirit" Coombs rises from coffin.

CLUB PLANS REVEALED

By ROB DAUGHERTY

The beginning of classes each fall at MBA marks the time for the reorganization of the various clubs on campus. Below is a run-down of these clubs:

The Big Red Club are the official spirit-rousers of MBA. Composed of a large number of the student body, this zealous group works hard at raising the overall school spirit on the Hill by selling buttons, bumper stickers, and noisemakers to the students. Rusty McDonald, president of the club, says that the main difference with this year's Big Red Club is in the format of the pep rallies, which he promises will be very unique. Also planned are car caravans to "away" games as well as bonfire pep rallies. Roll, Red, Roll!!!

After three days of voice-cracking audition, the 1979-80 MBA Chorus is ready for another year of successful singing. Over the years, the chorus has delighted audiences at MBA, Harpeth Hall, and other schools with their exciting Christmas Concert; therefore, Choral Director Gerald Arthur is planning on more concerts for assembly programs in the fall and spring as well. Mrs. Marion Ross will return as accompanist, and officers Russ Regen and Rob

Daugherty are both certain that this year's chorus will be more entertaining than ever.

A certainly very helpful group on campus is the Service Club. This crew of young men aims at "improving the community through the giving of assistance whenever needed," says member Ricky Bowers. And they do just that. Each winter, for instance, the Service Club assists the Fannie Battle Day Home in the raising of money by participating in the annual door-to-door Christmas caroling campaign. Additionally, they perform any odd jobs that need to be done around the campus; anything from setting up the furniture for the Spaghetti Supper, to ushering fans at the home football games. One of the club's first endeavors this year was on October 7 when they helped in the Al Menah Shriners' annual effort to sell papers for donations. Senior Owen Lipscomb plans on keeping up the fine reputation of the Service Club this year, as he takes over as president.

As usual, the Drama Club plans to delight audiences once again this year with some fantastic entertainment. Though student attendance to recent productions has been shameful, Director Jim Poston feels that the student body will soon come to realize the importance of exposing oneself to all forms of

entertainment for one's own cultural growth. Production will soon begin on Jean Anouilh's French drama "Antigone," which is tentatively scheduled to be presented in late fall. A more elaborate production, James Reach's "David and Lisa," is scheduled to be presented some time in February or March. This is the first time in four years that two productions have been scheduled in one year; therefore, the Drama Club will really be trying their hardest, and hopefully they will give some smashing performances. Additionally, a drama production exchange with McGavock High School has been planned. On with the show!

New to the M.B.A. campus is the very popular Outdoor Club, headed by the new Art History and Studio Art instructor, Jim Womack. Mr. Womack was delighted yet horrified by the overwhelming response to the program; nevertheless, he now has everything under control and has made plans for many outdoor excursions, focusing mainly on rafting, canoeing, and backpacking. The purpose of the program, according to Mr. Womack, is "to expose as many students as possible to an outdoor experience, always being mindful of things like awareness of the environment, conservation, and, above all, the importance of 'safety first'."

Student Council

Goals

successful prom and especially to outdoing last year's Junior class. Hartley plans to raise money the same way as previous years by selling candy bars. He has thought of some other fundraisers but he is not yet sure if they are feasible.

Besides the plans for entertainment, President Phillip is also interested in becoming more involved with discipline at M.B.A. He thinks that would be beneficial for a student with discipline problems to come talk to the Student Council, which might be able to help him out.

Finally, the Council urges the students to become involved in school activities by making suggestions about any facet of school life. The Student Council is in existence for the students and is accessible to them at all time.

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Kink's Album

High-quality

By RUSS MARIONELLI
Low Budget, the Kink's new album, shows that one of the oldest rock-n-roll groups is still one of the best. From beginning to end, the album is packed with hard rock that depicts modern life with a refreshing blend of humor and cynicism.

The first song "Low Budget" is about the sacrifices one must make as "a cut-rate person in a low budget land." The next "In a Space" is a rambling song about space, time, and the number of people in the world. The third song "A Little Bit of Emotion" is one of the best on the album. The lyrics have perception into the human condition backed up by powerful musical leads. Perhaps the funniest song to come out of the gas shortage is "A Gallon of Gas," which asks the musical question "Who needs a car, an airport, or a jet, when you can't buy a gallon of gas?" and hints at what one can do with the money he saves. The next two songs are "Misery" and "(Life is only a) Moving Picture."

The second side is also high performance rock and roll with songs about "Attitude," "National Health," "Pressure," and "Superman." Also on the side is the hit song "Catch Me Now I'm Falling," which has superb guitar leads and some of the most powerful drums on the album. Overall, the album comes through on every song with high quality music and lyrics in the hard rock tradition.



Students watch Mr. Novak and Dr. Niemeyer add cost of textbooks.

Forensics Club

Hooper received second place in interpretive reading.

Of course, the achievements made by the Forensics Club are not gained without extensive preparation and drilling. This past summer, Joe Calvin, Greg Stroup, and George Cate attended the Georgetown Debate Institute, designed to prepare debaters for the coming year. In addition, several students, studied individual speaking events at Baylor University in Texas. With the arrival of classes at MBA, the work has just begun. The forensics members tirelessly devote a great amount of their time to perfecting their skills. One of the major reasons for MBA's success is the great number of hours given to the forensics program by the students. It seems almost amazing, even with the summer and school preparation, that the forensics program has been able to continue a winning tradition. In the past few years, the program has suffered extensive alterations in



Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Simmons watch student sign register.

Back to the Egg Disappointing

By BOBBY KHAN

When the Beatles broke up in 1970, Paul McCartney released an album that was, to put it mildly, baffling. The songs on the record were hardly the type that McCartney had done when he was a Beatle. Most people shrugged the album off; they thought he would do much better on his future recordings. He didn't. It was three long years until McCartney and his new group Wings burst through with *Band on the Run*, heralded as a classic album

today. The album took five straight years of superb recordings.

However, nine years since the break-up of the Beatles and twenty gold and four platinum records later, McCartney and Wings seem to have lost some of their musical versatility with their new album, *Back to the Egg*. The album is mostly a hard rock type of record with a few slower-beat songs. McCartney has never been very good with heavy metal music, and it shows. For example, two songs on the album, "Old Siam, Sir" and "Getting Closer," are nonsensical ear-splitting torture. On the other hand, "So Glad to See You Here" succeeds very well for a heavy metal song. Also, some of his softer and slower melodies such as "Rockestra There" are a little too soft and too slow. Again, however, songs like "Arrow Through Me" show fine musical craftsmanship. The songs on this album are sometimes good but mostly bad.

Thus, in *Back to the Egg*, the songs as a whole do not show a high sense of creativity. It seems as if many of the songs were hastily (and poorly) written. *Back to the Egg* is an OK album, but it falls far short of McCartney and Wings' previous achievements.

MBA REGATTA

By WADE SMITH

This year the seniors have initiated a new type of sophisticated recreation called the Boat Races. Jimmy Grisco, Russell Regen, and Tim Warnock founded the event, set up the course, and held races daily.

The climax of the competition occurred on Friday, September 19, when over fifteen contestants entered the race. A crowd of over thirty people including 8th-period study-hall skippers viewed the event. Johnny Wagster and Tim Warnock's boat led the race until the craft mysteriously disappeared on what now is called the "Bermuda Bank." Immediately, David Pack's famous styrofoam cup surged ahead and actually led the pack until it beached on its way to the finish line. This misfortune allowed Scott Glasgow and Harold Deblanc's Hawaiian boat to cross the line first.

The boat races have been very successful and are supposed to be continued later this year.

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CARS ON THE MOVE

By BARRY HELLER

"British the American way" best describes the looks and outfits that the Cars put on for their new album entitled *Candy-O*. After a successful first album, the Cars do their best on number two.

Ironically side one begins with one smash hit and side two ends with another while most of the songs in between are seldom heard. "Let's Go" gives the impression of the Cars as a very talented group. The listener is introduced to vocalist Ric Ocasek and lead guitarist Elliot Easton who do their best for a rock-n-roll sound. The sound is very good but tends to get lost in the next three songs. "Shoo be Doo" presents the electronic side of the Cars which produces an eerie effect on the listener. A sudden transition is made and the title song is belted out. The

keyboards of Greg Hawkes become dominant, and the whole group seems to revolve around him. From song one to song eleven, Greg Hawkes has found a home in this music. Without him, the group would lose the total background music.

Side two starts out slowly with three very vocal songs. I don't dislike voice, but Ocasek and Orr just seem to be missing the boat. The singing could be described as a mimicking of David Bowie. The next song "Got a Lot on My Head," is an excellent rendition of good 'ol rock-n-roll. Ending with the second biggest hit on the album, the Cars give 150 percent on "Dangerous Type." The song represents the true style of the Cars. Keyboards, bass, and vocals all give the melody a gutsy feeling which leaves the listener with something to remember. Beware! The Cars are on the move!

Outing Club Braves Ocoee

By JAY HARDCASTLE

On Oct. 6 and Oct. 13, the Outing Club braved the cold waters of the Ocoee River on the club's first expedition.

Leaving early Saturday morning, the Outing Club, led by Mr. Womack and Mr. Beck, pulled out of MBA with very little knowledge of what was to come. The club choked down an abominable meal at Hardee's a little after 12:00. Activities in the van which the club had borrowed were minimal; eating peanuts and sleeping made up most of the action. The crew arrived at the Old Copper Inn on schedule. Here they met their guides from the Smokey Mountain River Expeditions Co., a raft outfitting company. Most of the members crammed into a small bathroom to change into their rafting clothing. Some members came well prepared; one even brought a wet suit. At about 3:00, the Outing Club left the hotel for the Ocoee River in an open truck loaded with rafts, life-jackets, and helmets.

The Ocoee has an interesting history. In the early 1900's, the Tennessee Valley Authority diverted the river into a flume to provide electricity for the neighboring towns. By the mid-1970's, the flume had fallen into such a horrible state of disrepair that TVA once again released the water into the river bed. This sudden release of water created some of the finest white-water rapids for canoeing, kayaking, and rafting in the eastern United States. The rapids are so challenging that the North American White-water Canoe Association chose the Ocoee for the site of its 1979 white-water canoe trials.

The trip down the river was 'very

exciting," to quote one rafter. "It ranked among the top ten things I have ever done in my life," said another. Rapids such as "Hell Hole," "Table Salt," and "Diamond Splitter" challenged the crew members to think and act quickly. Occasionally a raft would get caught on a rock, but most of the trip consisted of quick ups and downs. The water turned cold at the end of the trip, where the group disembarked at a power station.

The ride back to the hotel was extremely cold for the drenched club members. Many of them huddled under layers of clothing on the floor of the open truck. When the truck finally arrived at the inn, the surviving rafters once again crammed into the small bathroom of the nearby restaurant to change. One restaurant patron was surprised to find six boys, all at least partially undressed and one totally undressed, when he opened the bathroom door.

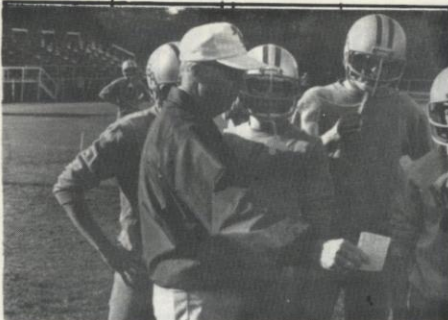
The van started back to Nashville a little before dark. The club eventually stopped for food at a Chattanooga Pizza Hut. The unfortunate waitress who waited on the rowdy members received constant jibes about her efficiency. The management undoubtedly breathed a sigh of relief when the pizza-bloated members finally left. The club members, weary but intact, arrived in Nashville late Saturday evening.

The Outing Club's first trip was an unqualified success. Many participated, and all who did had fun. Mr. Womack and Mr. Beck provided excellent leadership. The Outing Club is off to a running start and is on its way to being one of the most active and rewarding clubs at MBA.

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Owen Enthusiastic

By TIM WARNOCK

On Wednesday, September 5, *The Bell Ringer* interviewed Mr. Tommy Owen, the head coach of MBA's varsity football team. During the course of the interview, Coach Owen commented on the competition in the N.I.L., past seasons, the role of the coach and the team leaders, and student and community support for MBA's football program.

The *Bell Ringer* then asked about the quality of competition this year as opposed to past years. Coach Owen replied, "Everything is relative in football." He said that the key to a strong team is organization. Some of the larger schools seem to have a problem with participation; some of the good athletes just walk the halls. They need to get all the good athletes out for the team.

The *Bell Ringer* then asked about school participation here. Coach Owen stated that student participation in football was improving every year. In his three years back on the Hill, senior participation has improved greatly. In 1977 only 13 seniors reported. Last year 14 came out for the team, and this year 20 seniors showed up for August practices. Coach Owen stressed the fact that young men need to contribute to the school all their talents whether they lie in art, music, dramatics, publications, or sports.

Coach Owen was very enthusiastic about student and community support. "Community support and school spirit have always been good." He was also pleased with the work done by the cheerleaders, especially this year's squad.

The *Bell Ringer* asked Coach Owen about this year's team.

The *Bell Ringer*, "Did the end of summer practices leave you feeling prepared for this year's rigorous schedule?"

Coach Owen—"You never really feel ready, but I was extremely pleased with the initial condition of the players. Every coach has a mental picture of a perfect team—with high standards."

The *Bell Ringer*—"Were there any surprises? Especially improved individuals?"

Coach Owen—"The people we were counting on came through. Griscom, Lipscomb, and Regen all worked very hard this summer."

The *Bell Ringer*—"Does this year's team possess the characteristics of strong player unity and leadership? Who are the leaders?"

Coach Owen—"This is the best year since my return. Ricky Bowers and Russell Regen were chosen as team captains. We have strong senior leadership. Unity? Well, we like to promote a family atmosphere with the team."

The *Bell Ringer*—"How does this year's team compare in size to the rest of the N.I.L.?"

Coach Owen—"We have fair size. We're big enough."

The *Bell Ringer*—"The pre-season depth chart seems to show a senior-oriented starting squad. Do we have depth as a team?"

Coach Owen—"We have two good teams and we are continuing to improve."

Coach Owen also commented that the team had a balanced attack and played together well. The *Bell Ringer* closed the interview with the important question, "Will the Big Red be a highly competitive team?" Coach Owen replied, "I certainly hope so. I'll be awfully disappointed if we're not."

Little Red Makes Effort

By ADAM WIECK and KEVIN MALER

The seventh grade football team, under the leadership of Coach Andy Gaither, has compiled a 1-2 record in the first part of the season, playing in the Franklin Optimist League. This record, however, is not indicative of the effort put forth by the Little Red.

The Little Red opened its season on September 15 by defeating Harpeth Bank 13-7. Led by quarterback Sterling Gray and tailback Steve Rollins, the team scored early and maintained its lead throughout the game.

The following week, the seventh grade team lost its first game of the season to Franklin Civitan, 27-0. MBA's defense had trouble stopping Franklin Civitan's offense, which ran in three of the four touchdowns and passed 30 yards for the fourth. MBA's offensive turnovers also contributed to the loss.

On September 29 MBA faced a tough Herbert Materials team and were soundly defeated 42-0. Herbert Materials' speedy backfield ran at

Cross Country off to Running Start

By JOHN MCALLISTER

Coach Drake's Cross Country team has started out the 1979 season with an excellent record. They are 3-1 in dual meets and placed a respectable third in the Antioch Invitational. The team has had outstanding performances by senior Art Hancock, junior Anderson Spickard, and freshman Alan Moore.

MBA lost by the score of 19-40. Anderson Spickard finished first for the Big Red and fourth overall with a time of 17:01. He was closely followed by Steve Stevens, who finished sixth and Alan Moore, who finished seventh. Rounding out MBA's top seven were Art Hancock, Rich Good, Scott Campbell, and Matt Nicks.

Twenty-three teams participated in the Antioch Invitational on September 22. MBA showed its strength by placing third behind Louisville Trinity and Clarksville Northwest. Leading the way for MBA was Anderson Spickard with a time of 16:12. Alan Moore, Rich Good, Art Hancock, and Steve Stevens rounded out the top five for the Big Red.

MBA vs. Overton

MBA had a strong outing against Overton on September 18, winning 25-32. Although Overton had the top two finishers, MBA showed their depth by placing runners in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh positions. Once again, Spickard placed first for the Big Red with a time of 16:12. Anderson was followed by Art Hancock, Alan Moore, Steve Stevens, and Rich Good.

MBA vs. Pearl

On September 24 MBA beat Pearl as a result of a forfeit. Joe Hymel ran a 17:36 to lead the way for the MBA runners taking place in the runoff. Scott Campbell finished second, Steve Hall third, Walt Zibas fourth, and Matt Nicks fifth.

Although the season is young, the Cross Country team has proven they are strong and that they have depth. Their outstanding record indicates that they will continue to do well in the future.

Antioch Invitational



Anderson Spickard leads team in Antioch Invitational.

MBA vs. Clarksville Northwest

On September 13 the Big Red took on defending state champion Clarksville Northwest. The weather conditions were poor. Runners had to fight heavy rain and strong winds. Perhaps because of these conditions,

Microbe Cross Country Performs Well

The microbe cross country team under the direction of Mr. Novak posted a first place finish in the season's opening meet. MBA accumulated 28 points, BGA 42, and Nashville Christian 77. (In cross country the lowest score wins.)

The top five finishers for the Little Red were Bobby Thompson (2nd), Pat Fau (4th), Davidson French (5th), Bobby Reeves (8th), and Jay Brothers (9th). Four of these finishers are seventh graders.

J.V. Shows Promise

By TOM WOOD

The Junior Varsity out-hit and out-played Ryan in an October 4 game at the Knights of Columbus field, but a lack of execution and cohesiveness on offense and in the kicking game proved to be the team's downfall in a heartbreaking 16-6 loss.

The two teams battled through a scoreless first half on a sloppy field. The defense held tough and punter Allen Carden, pressed into service despite his inexperience, delivered a punt of approximately sixty yards the first time he kicked.

The MBA defense continued to stifle the Irish in the third quarter, but the offense was unable to make any significant progress. The big

break for Ryan came when, in a punting situation, the MBA center's snap sailed several feet over Carden's head and was recovered by Ryan at the MBA one-yard line. The Irish scored on the first play for a 6-0 lead. A short while later, Ryan broke through the line to block a punt, scored, and took a 14-0 lead after successfully completing a two-point conversion.

The MBA offense came back behind the running of Gil Graham and Joe Bryan to score on a short run by Dave Rader. Ryan, however, added a safety on yet another punting breakdown, and time ran out before the Big Red could score again.

For their efforts, Mark Hastings, Gil Graham, and Mike Groos were awarded Varsity jerseys for the Bellevue game.

BULLETIN

The MBA Big Red maintained its undefeated record by delivering a crushing 16-0 defeat to the Overton Bobcats. Overton set up MBA's first scoring drive with a costly turnover. Russ Regen charged through Overton's Randy Thomas and Scott Morris from the one yard line to give MBA an early lead. In the third quarter Tim Moore hit Ricky Bowers with a 10-yard completion, and Chris Whitson moved the ball another 17 yards on an option pitch, thus setting Bob Calton up for an 8-yard touchdown. The last score of the game came from Joe Davis' 26-yard field goal. Leading the defense for MBA were Jimmy Griscom, Damon Anagnos, and Ricky Bowers.

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Big Red Still Undeclared

By CHIP SMITH
and TOM WOOD

The varsity football team under Coach Owen has won its first five games, amassing 105 points against opponents' 32 points. The Big Red are first in District 11 competition. They are fourth in the state according to *The Tennessean* Action Ratings. Only Gallatin, Maplewood, and Johnson City have higher ratings in Class AAA competition. Twice city-wide honors have gone to MBA players. *The Tennessean* chose Tom Moore player of the week for his performance in the Whites Creek game and Bob Calton player of the week for his performance in the Ryan game. MBA students and faculty have also praised the outstanding performances of seniors Russ Regen, Ricky Bowers, Owen Lipscomb, Jack Coombs, Bill Herbert, Damon Anagnos, Jimmy Griscom, David Pack, Chris Whitson, Doug Derryberry, Joe Davis, and juniors Kelly Shackelford, Garrett Fulton, Mark Peffen, Mike Johnson, and Jim Tully.

MBA vs. Whites Creek

On September 7 the Big Red opened the season with a rousing 41-6 romp over Whites Creek. The team made history by winning its opening game for the first time since 1971.

Tom Moore got the Big Red rolling early in the game. On defense he intercepted a Whites Creek pass and returned the ball 60 yards to the four yard line. Then he took over at quarterback and in three plays plunged into the end zone for the score. Joe Davis' extra point attempt sailed wide to the left.

Still in the first quarter Tom intercepted another pass and returned the ball 15 yards to the 26 yard line. On offense Tom immediately passed to tight end David Pack for the touchdown. This time Davis' kick was good.

On the first play of the second quarter Moore ran a quarterback sneak 22 yards for a touchdown. Joe's conversion made the score 20-0.

From there the Big Red pulled away and put the game out of reach. Moore lobbed a 26 yard pass to Pack for the fourth touchdown and a 7 yard pass to Russ Regen for the fifth. Later Doug Derryberry bolted 5 yards for yet another score. Ricky Bowers used good blocking to race 70 yards for a touchdown, but the play was nullified by a questionable call.

Late in the game Whites Creek recovered a MBA fumble and moved 6 yards for their only touchdown. They failed to make the extra point.

The Big Red moved 261 yards on total offense. They rushed 37 times for 167 yards and passed 6 times, completing 5 for 94 yards. The offense averaged 6.07 yards every time they touched the ball.

MBA vs. Hillsboro

MBA's performance a week later against Hillsboro was erratic. The Big Red still, however, had the ability to beat the Burros 13-12.

Early in the game MBA took the initiative and scored on a one-yard run by Tom Moore. However, Hillsboro's Gary Dixon intercepted a MBA pass and ran the ball 41 yards for a touchdown. Moments later Hillsboro was able to capitalize on another MBA turnover. Marcus Currie recovered a fumble and ran 65 yards for another touchdown.

The Big Red did not give up, however. The defense stopped all Hillsboro advances, and the offense finally put together a successful march to the two yard line. With 1:44 to go in the game, Russell Regen ran two yards for the winning touchdown.

MBA vs. McCallie

On September 14 the Big Red played a tough McCallie team in a rainy game. The wet weather hampered both the McCallie and the Big Red offenses. McCallie scored first and held a 7-0 lead going into the fourth quarter.

At this point the Big Red started its second rally in two weeks. Bob Calton blocked a McCallie punt, and a fired-up MBA offense moved the ball down field to McCallie's six yard line. Russ Regen then plowed his way in for the touchdown. Joe Davis' kick for the extra point tied the score and sent the game into overtime.

In overtime the Big Red defense first stopped McCallie's offense. Then the Big Red's offense went to work. The Big Red ran for three plays without scoring. On the fourth play Joe Davis kicked a 26 yard field goal to win the game 10-7.

MBA vs. Ryan

On September 28 the Big Red surprised rival Father Ryan with a new offensive backfield consisting of Bob Calton, Russ Regen, and Mark Peffen. The explosive runner in the backfield proved to be Bob Calton, who helped the Big Red beat Ryan 14-7. The victory was MBA's first over Ryan in six years.

For the McCallie game Calton was named defensive star in the NIL. This week Calton switched his

heroics to offense by running 93 yards in 19 carries. His biggest play came on third down with 16 yards to go. Calton thrashed around the end and barreled in for the touchdown. He was not through scoring, however. He threw a pass to quarterback Tom Moore to complete the two point conversion. This scoring drive pushed the Big Red ahead for the victory.

In the third quarter the Big Red was able to capitalize on a Ryan fumble. Frank Allen mishandled a punt by Ricky Bowers at the Ryan 15 yard line, and the ball was recovered by junior Brad McKinney. The Big Red offense moved to the one yard line, and Tom Moore scored on a quarterback sneak led by big Jimmy Griscom.

Ryan scored only after the Big Red fumbled on their own three yard line. Otherwise the Big Red were tough on defense with outstanding performances by Russ Regen, Kelly Shackelford, David Pack, and Ricky Bowers.

MBA vs. Bellevue

The undefeated Big Red rolled into Bellevue for a big game with the perennially tough Owls, also unbeaten in four games. Bellevue entered the game ranked seventh in the state in Class AA competition. MBA, playing Class AAA ball despite its small student body, entered the game ranked number ten among the state's Class AAA teams. The Big Red trounced Bellevue 27-0.

The MBA offense set the tempo early in the game. Wingback Mark Peffen dashed 36 yards on the option play to set up a 4 yard touchdown blast by Russ Regen. Davis booted the point, and MBA led 7-0 with only 3:42 gone in the game. With 19 seconds remaining in the first half, quarterback Moore hit David Pack wide open in the end zone for a 5 yard touchdown pass.

Moore put the game out of reach with a one-yard plunge in the fourth quarter. Bellevue fumbled on the next series and reserve quarterback Scott Tune engineered a drive culminated by tailback Chris

Whitson's 5 yard run with 3:54 left in the game.

On the following kickoff, moved up to the Bellevue 45 because of a penalty, Joe Davis' boot sailed 55 yards through the uprights and out of the stadium. Although it did not score a field goal, this kick was one yard further than the longest field

goal in NIL history, a 54 yarder booted in 1975 on a free kick.

MBA rolled up 144 yards rushing, paced by Peffen's 63 yards in 5 carries, and Moore hit 8 of 12 passes for 72 yards. The rugged defense held the Owls to 115 yards rushing and 14 yards passing, and recorded the first shutout of the year.



Chris Whitson moves the ball downfield in the McCallie game.



Regen surges for a touchdown against Whites Creek.

Crucial Games Ahead

By KEN NICHOLS

The varsity Football Team, though undefeated through five games, faces some tough competition in the second half of the season. The Big Red plays their next three games away before returning to the Stadium for Homecoming.

On October 19, the Big Red travels to Hillwood, where they will face a much smaller ball club. The Hilltoppers, 1-4, are having a disappointing season, but they have threatening speed in both the offensive and defensive backfields. On October 26, Hendersonville, 2-3, will test the spirit of the Big Red when they play their fourth straight game away from home. With a new coach rebuilding the team the Commandos are improving and could prove a serious threat. The match with Antioch, MBA's

Homecoming, will be a tough game for the Big Red. The Bears boast speedy backs William Harris and Eric Hooper and have a team that plays rough and does not quit.

The Big Red finishes the season against Glenciff on Nov. 7 and Herschel Moore the coach will get to see his son Tommy play for only the third or fourth time in a high school game. Glenciff, 2-3, has a great running back in James Moore and a potentially better team than in past years.

MBA, who is riding high with victories over Whites Creek, Hillsboro, McCallie, arch rival Ryan and Bellevue will have its toughest competition among its District 11 competitors, Antioch and Glenciff. If the Big Red wins these games, they will have a 5-0 district record and will gain a playoff berth.



Tom Moore leads the offense against Overton.